

District III Advisory Board Minutes
April 1, 2015
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211; nine District Advisory Board members; four City staff and six signed in members of the public were present.

Members Present

David Robbins
Marjorie Griffith
Elena Ingle
Gerald Henry
Connie White
Eric Bell
Bruce Gass
Terry Brewster
Paul Davis
Council Member James Clendenin

Staff Present

Case Bell, Community Liaison
Brian Hill, Park and Recreation
Officer Tiede, Wichita Police
Lt. Avila, Wichita Fire

Guests

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Members Absent

Wendy Ratliff

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 6:30 p.m. **Council Member James Clendenin** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the March 4, 2015 meeting were approved. The agenda for the current meeting was approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Officer Tiede, Wichita Police, reported on 33 Beat. There have been a lot of auto larcenies so the police have been handing out flyers through the neighborhoods on how to not be a victim. If you need to call the police to make a report but do not need an officer to come out, call (316) 268-4221 for WPD Case Desk. There have been some tire slashings in Planeivew, a Crime Stoppers notification was handed out at Jardine Middle School and they stopped.

Lt. Avila, Wichita Fire, reported on District III. Fires in the district caused around \$30,000 in damage. Some fires have been arson and some accidental that could have been prevented. Cooking is the number one cause of house fires in the US. The fires here were both unattended. They recommend not leaving anything on the the stove or near it such as cooking books or cloths. If there is a microwave, oven fire, or dryer fire close the door and turn off the power by unplugging or the breaker. If there is a grease fire, put the lid on it. If you use lawn mowers or generators you should let them totally cool off before storing them again. You should also clean your vent out every six months. The fire prevention phone number is (316) 268-4441.

DAB? What causes most brush fires? **A:** This is a bad time of year. It could be arson, cigarettes, lawn mower blade hitting a rock or even chains on a trailer going down the road.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled Items

None

Off-agenda items

None

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduled Items

Brian Hill and Troy Houtman, Park and Recreation, reported on the continued work for the Aquatic Master Plan. **Troy Houtman** introduced himself as the **Director of Park and Recreation**. He came from San Antonio, Texas where he was the Assistant Director in charge of downtown projects. Suggested that anyone who wishes to contact him with questions contact City Hall or contact Case Bell. **Brian Hill** reported on the Aquatic Master Plan. The feedback from the previous discussions were good. Linwood pool attendance was up this year by 1,000 and the cost recovery went from 21% to 33% even though the price of swim lessons was lower. Asked that the DAB please fill out questionnaires with how they would like the \$13 million in CIP money spent including options for a central indoor pool at a cost of \$12 million, repair/upgrade of the local pool at \$2 million, replace the local pool at \$5 million, add a splash pad for \$300,000, or close the local pool at \$50,000.

DAB? How will indoor pool affect swim clubs? **A:** if there was an indoor pool programming would be key. Try and get as many groups in there as possible.

DAB? Where would the central pool be built? **A:** Unknown at this time, studies will have to be done.

DAB? Will Goodsports have a swimming facility? **A:** No, the field house will not.

DAB? What is the maintenance on splash pads? **A:** there will be maintenance but less than a pool due to lower water costs, chemicals, and newer construction.

DAB? Any pools are risk at this time for being closed? **A:** Two pools are in danger due to low attendance. Sometimes the City loses pools to unforeseen issues.

DAB? Where does Linwood rank compared to the other pools in attendance? **A:** It ranked 5th out of 9.

DAB? Will Boston pool be reopened? **A:** Yes, it will be ready for this season.

DAB? What kind of promotion do you use? **A:** USD 259, social media, catalogues, and the website.

DAB? Where will the money come from? **A:** CIP funds.

DAB? Are expanding hours an option? **A:** The master plan talks about looking at usage to determine better hours.

DAB: Concerned about where the central pool will be located. If it will truly be central.

Public: Suggested going to the high schools for swim teams.

BOARD AGENDA

Council Member Clendenin spoke regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is in the process of being released. There are a few things that they have done this year. This Council is heavy on keeping control of debt limits. The CIP looks at funding street repairs, infrastructure, and other things that the tax payers pay for. The South Broadway Bridge is an example of CIP funds being used. There is more information coming. If there was a major disaster, they need to make sure they have the debt capacity to handle it. They are also concerned about the credit rating as a bad credit rating causes borrowing to be more expensive.

Public? What happened to the Pawnee Bridge? **Council Member Clendenin:** It came in way over budget and is currently being redesigned and resent for bids.

DAB? What is happening with the John Mack Bridge? **A:** There are some problems that engineering is looking at, but it is not in danger of collapsing.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 6, 2015, at Wichita WATER Center, 101 E Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,
Case Bell, Community Liaison – District III

Guests

Tom Strickland
Betty Strickland
Trisha Epps

Steven Walters
Jan Hunt
Lonny Wright